

# New chapter in UK-Algeria relations

In the build up to the COP26 conference on climate change in Glasgow, the UK and Algeria have agreed a new working partnership to tackle climate change.

The first UK-Algeria Strategic Dialogue, held in Algiers on 9 March, also focused on education, and led to an agreement for the first British school to open in Algeria and for the promotion of the English language. Both sides also agreed to establish a trade and investment taskforce to allow businesses to continue trading freely after the end of the UK's transition period with the EU.

The UK's Minister of State for the Middle East and North Africa, James Cleverly MP, led the UK delegation and was hosted in Algiers by Algerian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr Rachid Bladehane. Discussions also reinforced each side's commitment to cooperation across a range of areas, including political, economic, security and cultural relations.

UK's Minister of State for the Middle East and North Africa, James Cleverly, said:

Algeria is a key partner in the region for the UK. These talks made clear the extent of the expanding friendship and co-operation between the UK and Algeria.

I welcome the new Algerian government's commitment to political and economic reform. Our shared future is bright, and I look forward to growing the UK's win-win partnership with Algeria on the issues that matter to us both.

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